



## Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women

By Isabelle Amezcu

The epidemic of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) is a silent one. The violence against native people never ended, it morphed from overt violence to more insidious violence, helped along by man camps, pipelines, and the rulings like Oliphant v. Suquamish. Native women are 10 times more likely than any other ethnic group to be murdered, 1 in 3 Native women are raped during their lifetimes which is 2 and a half times greater than the average American woman, and



the assailant in 86 percent of these cases is non-native.

Here's where the law fails miserably; because of the 1978 Supreme Court Case Oliphant v. Suquamish, Indian tribal police and courts have no legal jurisdiction over non native people. And even if both assailant and survivor are Native, the tribal courts cannot issue prison time over 3 years. The influx of non-native workers into native territory caused by pipeline projects and the man camps surrounding them always means double if not triple the assaults on native women. With the entire Navajo Reservation being about the size of Maine there are just under 200 officers for the entire area. Each officer is responsible for roughly 70 square miles of land. It can take officer's two hours to reach the scene of a crime they've been called for. The Navajo Reservation is one of the few native nations with their own police department.

The disconnect between the tribal, state, and federal agencies is catastrophic for the victims and survivors. The information pertaining to these cases is often muddled, states and federal agencies often don't care, tribal police rarely have resources, or jurisdiction over non-natives suspects. The most a tribal police person can do to a non-native is issue a parking ticket. If you go to the police, wherever sector you go to, they may not be able to pull up the information you need, or have any record of it, and this just allows the native women and girls to more likely go unfound, and the assailants/perpetrators to go undetected. Not only this, but there is often 'insufficient evidence' for many of these cases, whether too much time passed between when it happened and when officers finally arrived, or again, whether or not the tribal officers can actually go after the perpetrator. Many of these cases go unprosecuted by the FBI, the agency responsible for

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## Guaranteed Tuition a Guaranteed Failure

By Andy Kolli

The UO presented their case for guaranteed tuition once again, this time President Schill held a "student forum" on the topic. On Monday, Feb. 24th, about sixty students, administrators and community members engaged in a discussion characterized primarily by harsh criticism of the guaranteed tuition model.

Essentially, the guaranteed tuition proposal means tuition rates would be set for each class, and would stay consistent across five years. That is, at any point there would be five different price levels of tuition at the university, depending on which year a student entered.

Criticisms of guaranteed tuition abounded at Monday's conversation. Only one student expressed support for the proposal, and even they voiced concern over the lack of state funding and rising costs of tuition. Every other student who spoke was critical of the plan, and each brought up different facets of its failures.

A lot of the conversation was centered on what is driving tuition increase—insufficient state funds. The Tuition and Fees Advisory Board (TFAB) has

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we cared most about: establishing campus administration and governing boards that are accountable to and representative of the public they are entrusted to serve. Through just two small demonstrations, we've added over 400 campus community members to our email list and petitions objecting to the lack of representation on the governing board of this public institution and the subsequent

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## RECLAIM UO - Campaign Kickoff

After dragging our GE's and campus staff through nine+ months of stalemate bargaining, dangling 2-3% cost of living adjustments and health care over the heads of folks making on average \$25-35,000 per year; after raising student tuition another 6.9%; after cutting programs that are fundamental to the University's public service mission—all in the name of a "budget crisis"—the Board of Trustees\* had the audacity



to grant President Schill, who already receives a whopping \$738,000 yearly salary on top of free housing and transportation, a \$100,000 bonus in December. We said, enough.

RECLAIM UO, a campus-led, community supported campaign to assert public oversight and investment in public higher-ed has taken off. We made big waves

at the state capitol mid February, infiltrating UO's lobbying day to advocate for what

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## UO Student Caught in Chinese Quarantine With limited Communication

In the winter of 2020 Ari was approached by a Chinese recruitment agency, specializing in assisting native English-speaking teachers obtain work contracts throughout China. With the current political relations between China and the US, as well as the looming 2020 US presidential elections, the agency was actively seeking teachers who had previously worked in "difficult" political climates. Presented with an opportunity to live and work in Hong Kong, Ari and her husband eagerly began planning to move their life over-seas. What follows is Ari's account of their experiences once they landed.

Upon arriving in China I attempted to contact the agency that sent us, however without the proper approved phone applications it was essentially impossible. We waited in the airport for a little over 9 hours until a car was sent for us. We were whisked away to a hotel. Once

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# PIELC

The Public Interest Environmental Law Conference

So much fun you'll PIELC...

Come ye, all who love the land and water and air! March in Eugene means a lot of things, namely the thawing of winter's chill in our bones as spring comes 'round the valley. And what better way to celebrate than to hit up your local Public Interest Environmental Law Conference?!

Seriously, anything with the words 'law' and 'conference' sounds kind of stuffy, but PIELC is probably the best opportunity of the year to hear from and connect with environmentalists from all around the country on an incredible range of topics. This year's lineup boasts everything from a free self-defense workshop and an epic old growth forest hike to movie screenings to a theatrical performance by the Raging Grannies on the conference's theme this year, Climate Migration. There'll be keynotes, there'll be panels, there'll be a party on Saturday with all your favorite outlaws and activists, and there'll be a whole bunch of intersectionality with different sectors of the climate movement. Wanna talk about forest defense? Wanna talk about microplastics? Wanna talk about cyanide bombs or Native water rights or GIS in grassroots activism or queer inclusivity or wildfire or endangered whales?? Wanna hear New Zealand's or Pakistan's or Uganda's or Japan's perspective on different climate issues? Wanna learn

about your First Amendment rights as an activist or lawyer? Wanna network and make friends and feel empowered?! Come to PIELC! It's Thursday, March 5th through Sunday, March 8th on U of O's campus, and the whole dang schedule is online for your perusing pleasure - grab yer friends, grab yer neighbors, make yourself a schedule for all your favorite topics and come learn about cool and important things!

One of this year's special guests is Congressman Earl Blumenauer, who wrote the agriculture section of the Green New Deal and will be hosting a talk about the progressive reform of our food and farm system on Saturday morning. The keynote speakers, Daniel Cordalis, David Bookbinder and Sergio Avila-Villegas all come from diverse backgrounds personally and professionally and will be offering their insights into issues such as tribal land restoration, legal barriers to migration and equity and representation in the conservation movement. A whole slew of representatives from different environmental nonprofits and student groups will be hosting all the panel conversations, and there'll be tabling and talking and educating happening everywhere you look! So come, come, learn and share and be enlightened! See you there!!

## Bernie Isn't Our Savior, We Are

By David Patrick Schranck, Jr.

This is a historic moment for the left-wing movement in the United States. Bernie Sanders is on the edge of winning the Democratic Party's nomination. The genuinely leftist power behind the realistic possibility of a socialist elected president is undeniable. However, we must not lose sight of what our true end goal is. But electing Bernie Sanders, and electoralism generally, is not our end goal. It is only one of the first of many steps to achieving our broader, much more ambitious goals of fundamentally transforming our economy and government to serve the people and to unite the workers of the world through socialism, whether that be reform or revolution.

Now more than ever, our grassroots organizing will be incredibly essential. A genuine democratic socialist as president can be pushed much more easily than a Republican oligarch or any of the other status quo stooges. Sanders' runs in 2016

and 2020 have inspired millions of Americans to become interested in left-wing ideologies, led to a massive spike in membership to the Democratic Socialists of America, and have begun to do vital organizing with often ignored and forgotten communities. Carrying over that enthusiasm and energy to left-wing movement based organizing efforts is vital so that we don't lose momentum.

A Bernie Sanders presidency will be important to establish baseline social safety net policies, that will begin to liberate our population from suffering, and the leftist energy required to sustain and expand socialist movement building. But we must always remember that Bernie Sanders is not our savior. We are our own saviors. A socialist future is tangible if we fight for it and we must always take an active role in building the movement to achieve that. Never forget that.

## Be An Insurgent

Editor: Eric Howanietz

The people taking action in these pages are my heroes. In this issue activists saved Windy Peak, stormed Elkhorn Brewery, dropped out of school to canvas Iowa, and took on TFAB. ASUO showed great courage in calling out the implementation of the Guaranteed Tuition program, and the Executive Committee has also publicly come out against this destructive tuition proposal. Reclaim UO is launching a determined campaign that attacks the heart of our problematic governing structure on the Board of Trustees. All these people are my heroes because they have organized and come together to fight for social justice in our community.

As this radical community grows and gains strength, so will the media that supports it. The page count of this publication is straining to contain all the action going on and our only path is to keep escalating. The Insurgent is here to be the voice of action.



Our print issues give us a spot in almost every radical space in Eugene. But soon we hope that Newsprint will be an auxiliary to our growing web presence. If successful we bring a community together and we put the powerful in checkmate. On the ground, every day is a struggle at the Insurgent. Our staff is unpaid and our funding is due to run out April 1st. We are fighting for our survival but we are fighting to win. As Angela Davis' latest book is titled, "Freedom is a Constant Struggle." And when Davis comes to campus on April 30th, I am sure that the radical community will assure her that we are committed to this struggle.

There is an Insurgency growing at UO. If you have picked up this issue, welcome to the resistance.

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MEMORANDUM

February 12, 2020

To: Tuition and Fees Advisory Board

Fr: ASUO Senate Body

Re: ASUO Senate Body Sentiment Towards Current Guaranteed Tuition Proposal

To the members of the Tuition and Fees Advisory Board for the University of Oregon, we the representatives from the Associated Students of the University of Oregon condemn the current procedures to raise tuition for the coming fiscal years. The TFAB committee has failed to incorporate large scale discussion with the student body through this process and continues to discount student voices across this campus. We find it deeply concerning that such a decision would be moved to a vote with such a short period of time between the first formal meeting in which this topic was introduced to the student body. Given that the direct alteration of tuition and fees impacts students first and foremost, we find it objectionable that this body feels it has the position to make a decision impacting roughly twenty-one thousand individuals. This is a continuous pattern that has occurred within the last three years and beyond. We understand that operational dues are a necessary aspect of any university structure and are willing to discuss this topic. However, the board’s behavior towards integrating discussion from students across the campus is disheartening. We ask that for the betterment of the university as a whole you work to incorporate rather than merely acknowledging the growing concerns of students.

We deeply believe that while the prospects of a guaranteed tuition model appear as though they are beneficial for the community as a whole, any potential cut or decline in funding from the state level will inevitably result in the reduction of current university programs, department based funding, and effectively treat incoming students as a means towards alleviating a severe deficit. Additionally, by ceding the equitability of tuition based education, this model will categorize and segregate students into value set classes. We truly believe that this system is in no way fair or impartial towards all students. A guaranteed tuition model has the potential to legitimize the growing social class disparities in institutions of higher education.

A guaranteed tuition model will fail to uphold and execute the very purpose of this university. If the board should move towards this disproportionate allocation of tuition and fees then “fostering the next generation” of students will be all the more difficult. We the students of the ASUO Senate body recommend that this board postpone this critical decision towards a later date, so that we may “question critically, think logically, reason effectively, and communicate clearly” on this dilemma.

This memorandum serves not to question the leadership nor the capabilities of the individuals on this board, but to rather inform these individuals of the perspectives of students. We are merely asking that the board continue the discussion and reevaluate the cost-benefit analysis towards this change in the tuition structure. Through the postponement of a vote, WE as members of the University of Oregon can effectively work towards a positive change that benefits all members of this community.

So signed,

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Editors Note: The TFAB committiee refused to read the submitted memorandum at their final buisness meeting on Feb 13th.

Guaranteed Tuition A Guaranteed Failure

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By Andy Kolli

changed their tune since last month’s Insurgent demonstrated their talking point of “steadily decreasing state funding” to be patently false, but they still cite a lack of “state investment in higher education” as the reason the University is underfunded. Which UO students replied with: why isn’t the state giving us money?

Schill was quick to point out that the legislature doesn’t fund UO directly, but rather a group of universities through the Public University Support Fund (PUSF). This may be the case, but state funding received by UO is less than two thirds what Oregon State University gets. In addition, a 2016 report from Illinoiis State University ranked Oregon first in the nation for higher education funding growth, and since then state dollars in Oregon colleges have only gone up.

All this leaves UO students asking why the UO budget doesn’t see these same benefits. Students expressed concern that the University is “stifling state funds” in an attempt to become more private, citing donations from private interests and the corporatization of the Board of Trustees as signs of privatization. The University of Oregon is a public university and students are very clear that they want it to be treated as such.

Students were also concerned about the university’s motives. TFAB and Schill both emphasized that the plan would pose a financial risk for the university, raising the question of why they support the plan. A few students present identified a likely reason: the plan would give the university a loophole in how they can raise tuition.

Currently, any tuition increase over 5% must go before the Higher Education Coordinating Committee, a system put into place to defend students from unfair tuition hikes. For a money-driven university like UO, these regulations are an inconvenience the Board would love to avoid. Unluckily for students, the guaranteed tuition model would allow them to do just that.

This is because the HECC 5% cap would look a little different under the guaranteed tuition proposal. Percent increase is measured as the average tuition increase across all classes, and with guaranteed tuition, each year’s tuition increase would only be

affecting one class—the incoming cohort.

When confronted about this loophole and asked whether the University would still have to go before the HECC board, Schill responded, “We may or may not depending upon the fee increases we will set”, and when pressed told the student “you’re answering your own question.”

That answer is concerning. An average tuition increase of 5% across all classes could be as high as an increase of 20% on one class—after a few years of the guaranteed tuition model, the university could conceivably be increasing tuition at an annual rate of about \$200 per credit, all without any state oversight.

Students at the forum were concerned about the proposal’s effect on the makeup of the student body. While proponents of guaranteed tuition say it’ll make recruiting easier, many students questioned who the plan would benefit, pointing out that it fails to support students of color or students who are low income, non-citizens, or take longer to graduate.

One student noted that under the proposal, even though a student’s four-year cost would be lower, their first year would be more expensive. While this might not pose a problem for middle or upper class, abled and privileged students who can easily find work and have savings, high initial costs could effectively gatekeep out students without savings who need to work to pay for college.

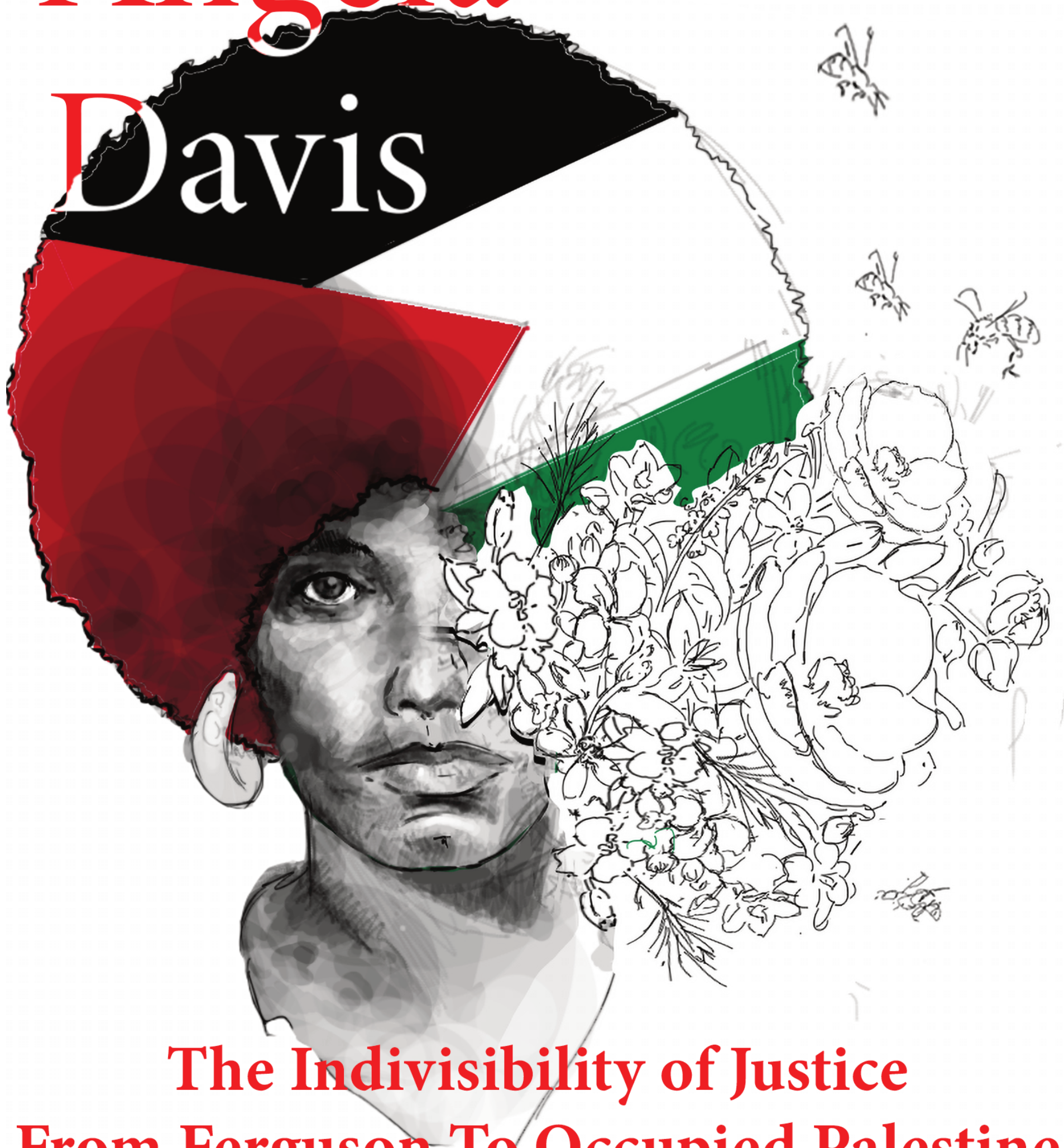
By making it harder for underprivileged Oregonian students to start as freshmen, guaranteed tuition would make these students less likely to consider UO. This is the opposite of what a public state university should do, but it’s clear the university’s recruiting is prioritising students from out of state whose parents will pay for their college. Projected tuition increases for next year under the model would be three percentage points higher for in-state than for out-of-state students.

Schill will make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees in March during Finals week regarding guaranteed tuition, and I believe I can safely speak for the students of UO in saying we urge the President to recommend against adopting this policy.

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# Angela Davis



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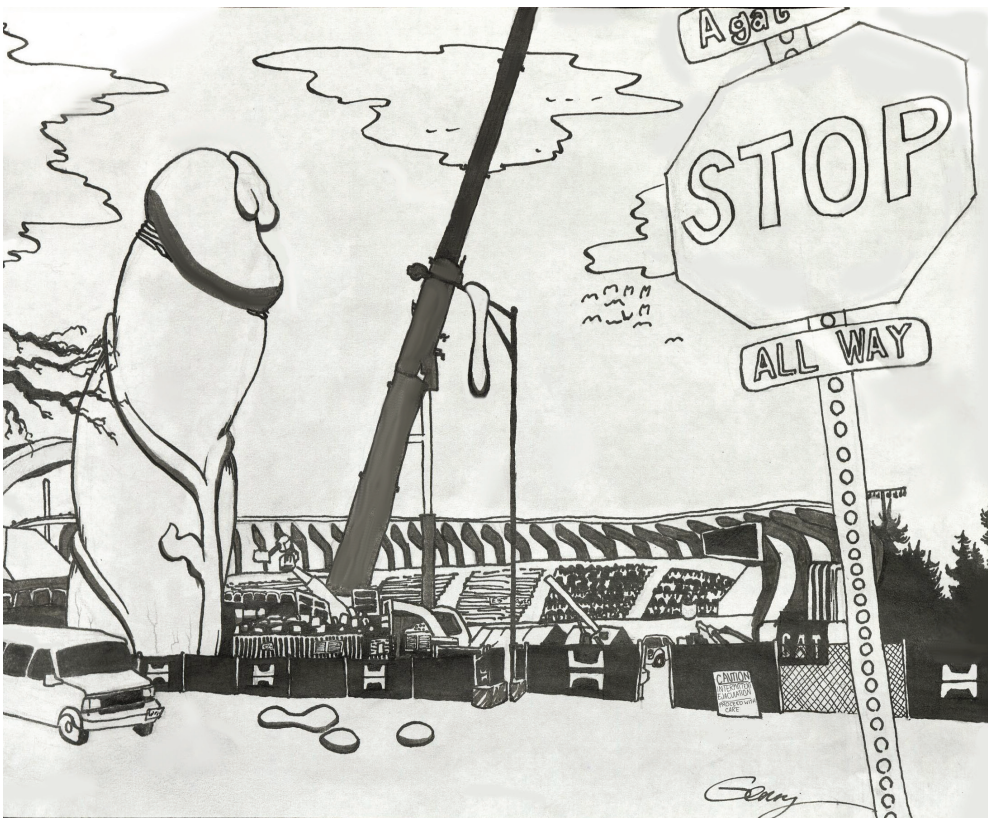
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## Phil's Phallus Nears Completion...



# What's the Deal with Timber Industry Propaganda?

The Oregon Logging Conference has been a major pain in the neck for Eugene's environmentalist community for many years. Nothing stinks worse for us green-minded folk than to see a bunch of timber industry buffs haul felled trees into the parking lot of the Fairgrounds to showcase how effective their bulldozing equipment is. But, you know, free speech and right to assemble and whatnot-- people have the right to do their things, even if it sucks. However, this year's OLC theme was too odious to ignore: "Working Forests: Carbon Keepers."

What exactly is a 'working forest'? This is a euphemism for clear-cutting existing forest stands for timber products and replanting a single species of tree in the cleared land to grow back for harvesting in 40-50 years. Let's be clear: a monocrop tree plantation is nothing like a real forest. Real forests have species diversity, open space, trees in a variety of different age stages, plenty of diverse habitat for animals, a multi-layered tree canopy, developed mycelial networks, and much more. Plantation stands are dense, dark thickets of young trees planted very close together and pretty much have none of the aforementioned characteristics.

There's many reasons why plantations suck, but what sucks worse is the brainwashing that went down at the OLC this year. "Our theme this year...was selected specifically to highlight that our industry, the products we produce, and the forests that we manage are some of the best carbon keepers (sequesters) in the world," says Greg Stratton, president of the OLC, on page 6 of the glossy Timber West zine found on every table in the conference room. "Working forests provide diverse habitats through our varied management practices and provide the raw materials to supply an industry that provides jobs for working families."

Let's discuss.

Before digging into that spicy bit from Greg's piece, the zine itself is organized quite cleverly-- the first page after the directory shows a summarized report titled 'Researchers Find Some Forests Crucial for Climate Change Mitigation, Biodiversity'. Now wait a minute, why would they highlight that OSU study, which identified forests in the Cascade Range and Pacific Coast that should be preserved because of their carbon sequestration potential?

Because it's a propaganda primer. The snippet in the zine accurately reported the results of the study, but didn't once mention that those special, high-carbon-sequestering forests are old growth forests.

Ol' Greg would have timber industry workers believe the exact opposite, in fact. During his president's address on Thursday, he started off by stating some real forest facts-- that trees sequester more and more carbon as they grow-- to seem like he knew what he was talking about. But according to Greg, once

trees hit a certain age...round 40 or 50 years old... their carbon sequestration activity plateaus, and then they somehow reverse their efforts and start spitting carbon back out into the atmosphere. So 'working the forest' means cutting down those trees before they spit their carbon back out, and turning that wood into timber products like planks that will keep that carbon nice and locked in (for, like, maybe 50 years, until the plank or whatever it is rots. Untouched trees can live up to thousands of years).

Not only is that 40-50 year carbon sequestration plateau age convenient for "regeneration harvest" (A.K.A. clear-cutting) forest management, it's also... not true. Studies (that aren't performed by scientists funded by fossil fuel industries) show that the older a tree gets, the mass growth rate-- or, the amount of tree in the tree-- keeps increasing as the tree gets older



and taller, absorbing an increasing amount of carbon. The word rate is crucial: the rate at which trees absorb carbon increases as the tree gets older; it doesn't slow down at all, much less plateau. So a single old tree can take up an amount of carbon in 1 year that an entire mid-size tree contains total.

But! That's not so good to hear if you happen to make a bunch of money off of cutting trees down & replanting them to cut down again later (Greg & friends) or if your family's livelihood and perhaps the economic engine of your entire hometown relies on cutting trees down (rural Oregonians). So Greg lays the sugar on instead, touting working forests as not only great for the environment, but also great for your families.

And let's get serious for a second-- this is a huge concern for many rural Oregonians. The changing climate can't sustain logging as it's currently practiced, but there's a bunch of towns out in the country that would have their sole income source wiped out if their mill closed... but the answer to this is not climate change denialism or wack propaganda and brainwashing. OLC could easily reach out to sustainable foresters in the community to come talk to folks about how to adapt the industry, because forest management is needed in stands that have been abused by poor forest management practices in the past, and to educate folks on what the Green New Deal is really all about-- striking a balance between a happy earth and happy, economically stable communities. But instead, alongside the political action committee Timber Unity, the industry heads are fighting to keep folks in the dark about the long-term effects of climate change, lobbying lawmakers to prevent climate change mitigation laws from passing, and spinning the narrative as if the majority of scientists are crazy and city-dwelling activists have rural-job-killing special interests.

And let me just say-- the miscommunication between our activism and their realities as rural industry workers is a problem. We sometimes come off just as deaf to their concerns as they do to ours, and that's why PACs like Timber Unity have gained such traction. At the end of the day, it's corporate propaganda and corporate interests that we are fighting, and for as insidious and scarily convincing as that propaganda can be, there are objective truths about what's going on in the woods and what the future of our communities can look like if we stand in solidarity and redirect. Nobody wants to be an earth-killer, and everyone wants to support their families; we just have different ideas on what that looks like, and communication helps bridge that gap. So let's get out there and canvas, listen to and perhaps make friends with our rural neighbors, and build an inclusive coalition movement as best as we can.



Warning: This issue contains imagery of state-caused violence.

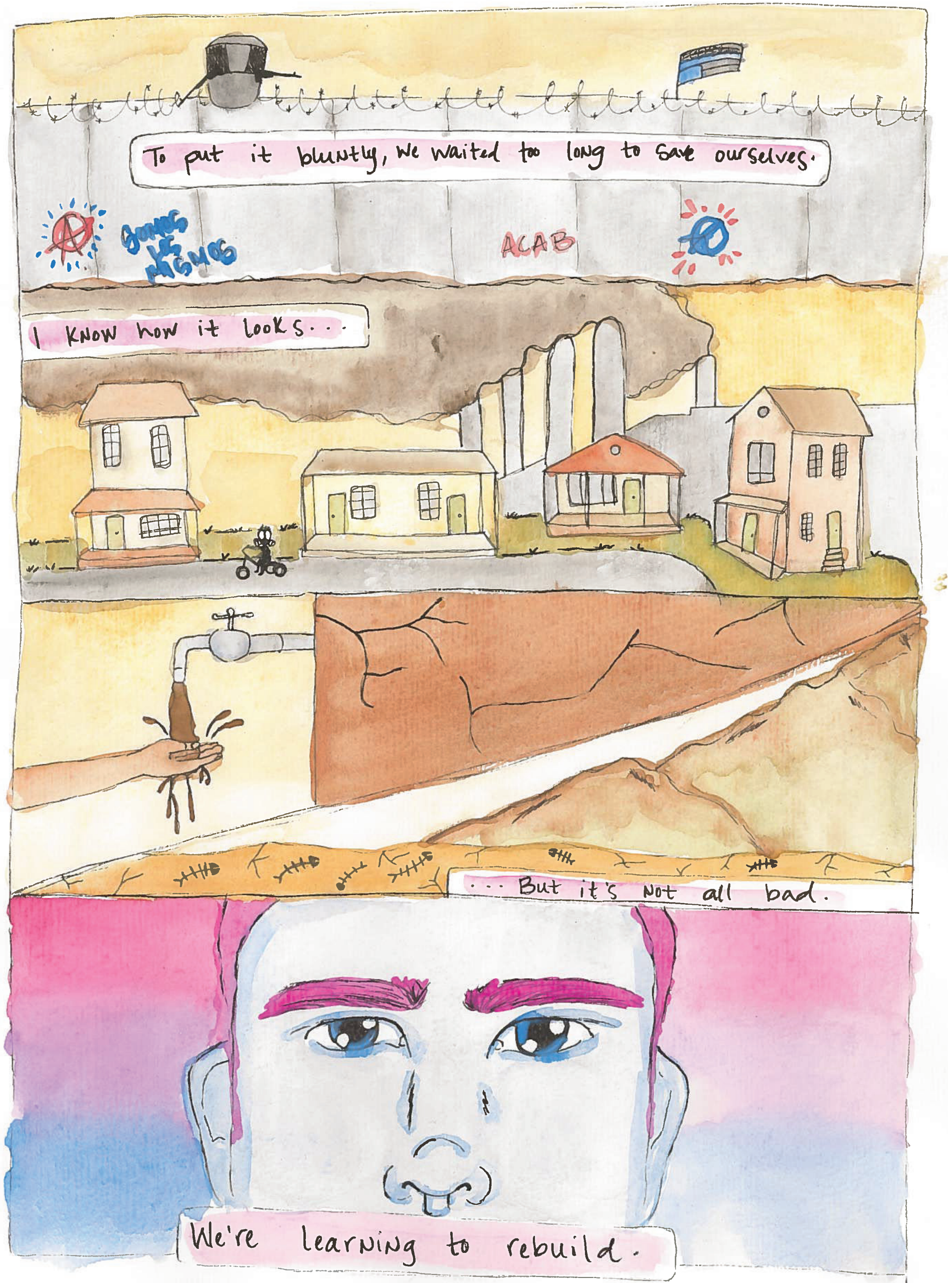
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Questions for Pondering

Do you know whose ancestral territories you are living on due to settler colonialism?  
 Do you know how many gallons of water it takes to process your smartphone?  
 Do you know where tuition money goes and what it is used for?  
 Do you know where you get your food and how it is processed?  
 What kind of hierarchies do you believe in? Why do you believe in them?  
 Why do you think the narrative exists that humans are better than animals?  
     Aren't we animals too?  
 Why do you get frustrated about the things you do?  
     What brings you passion?  
     Why aren't you doing it?  
 Why aren't there mass disruptions to dismantle violent, capitalistic systems?  
     What are ways to combat apathy and complacency?  
 How can we work together to create a sustainable, love-filled world?  
     How can you decolonize your education, actions, and ideas?  
 How can you dismantle racist narratives in your ideas, actions, and conversations?  
 How can you challenge your corporate habits to change in the face of the Climate Crisis?  
     Are you registered to vote? Do you know Oregon is a closed primary?  
     Did you know that I love you and think you're doing great?  
         A.W.W.



Medicinal Psilocybin in Eugene?

By Rosa

If you've been walking around Eugene the last few months, I'm sure someone with a clipboard has asked you to sign a petition for state measure 34. Measure 34, which may appear on our ballots soon, is the "Psilocybin Services Act." Psilocybin mushrooms, more commonly known as magic mushrooms, are a type of fungi that contain a psychoactive compound known as psilocybin. Psilocybin mushrooms have been used for spiritual, medicinal, religious and recreational purposes for centuries. Yet there's still a large stigma towards the use of this psychedelic. It's even classified by the Drug Enforcement Agency as a schedule 1 drug. In recent years there have been more efforts to destigmatize the use of psilocybin mushrooms and research the possible benefits. To properly understand the significance of measure 34, it's important to understand the significance of medicinal psilocybin. Like many other herbs and plants with psychoactive properties, there is evidence of psychedelic mushrooms being consumed for spiritual and/or ritualistic purposes going back thousands of years. Yet, when it comes to medicinal psilocybin, documented research began much more recently. Timothy Leary and his colleague Richard Alpert, created the Harvard Psilocybin Project in 1960. This project was a series of experiments using psilocybin mushrooms with the intent to see if psilocybin could cure the emotional issues of the modern man. Some studies from this project, such as the "Concord Prison Experiment," showed promising results for the psychological benefits of psilocybin

mushrooms. Unfortunately Leary and Alpert were later fired from the institution, due to distributing and consuming the psychedelics they were experimenting with. The project was shut down. (That's why you don't get high on your own supply). Starting in 2014, multiple scientific institutions such as Stanford, UCLA and Johns Hopkins, have begun large research studies into psilocybin mushrooms, thrusting them back into the spotlight. Though multiple institutions are currently researching psilocybin mushrooms, Johns Hopkins has been leading the charge. The Johns Hopkins Center for Psychedelic Consciousness and Research has carried out multiple comprehensive studies on the medicinal benefits of psilocybin. A few examples of the studies are Psilocybin's effects on smoking cessation, Anorexia Nervosa, Alzheimer's, Depression and religion. How does all this relate back to Eugene and those people with the clipboards? Well, this initiative would allow licensed service providers in Oregon state to administer a psilocybin product to screened individuals 21 and up. "The intent of the 2020 Psilocybin Service Initiative of Oregon is to advance a breakthrough therapeutic model currently being perfected in research settings at top universities around the world. The service model involves a sequence of facilitated sessions, including assessment and preparation, psilocybin administration, and post-therapy integration. We envision a community-based framework, where licensed providers, along with licensed producers of psilocybin mushrooms, blaze trails in Oregon in accordance with evolving practice standards," Sheri Eckert,

UCSC Graduate Employees Go on Wildcat Strike

By Matthew OG



Graduate employees at University of California Santa Cruz (UCSC) voted by a landslide margin for a wildcat grade strike on Dec. 8, 2019. The strikers refuse to submit final grades unless the administration gives them a cost of living adjustment (COLA). UCSC GEs demand a COLA of \$1,412 per month so they can afford to pay rent, according to their strike website.

Currently, many GEs pay over 50% of their wages towards rent, the union says on their rent burden page. A USA Today analysis of Bureau of Labor Statistics report in the summer of 2019 found Santa Cruz the least affordable city for teachers. The union compiled data to present to University of California President Janet Napolitano that found the average salary for GEs at UCSC was \$20K and the cost of living is over \$30K. In comparison, UCSC Chancellor Cynthia K. Larive receives a \$425,000/year salary, outlined in the press release upon her hire, where. They say this is comparably low for positions in similar markets.

UCSC GEs officially gave notice of their demand of a COLA to the chancellor on Nov. 7, 2019. As of the final grade submission deadline on December 18, the administration had not met the workers' demands and GEs did not submit grades.

The UCSC administration had still not met GE demands by Feb. 10, prompting GEs to go on a full wildcat strike. The strike put a halt to classes, lectures, sections, labs, and office hours.

UCSC administrators have refused to bargain with GEs or provide a living wage. The administration has responded to the GEs' peaceful resistance with police force, bringing in police from other counties. A total of 17 strike supporters were arrested on Feb. 12, according to UCSC spokesman Scott Hernandez-Jason.

Workers have faced violence and threats of being fired. In an email to graduate employees on Feb. 14, the administration threatened not to renew contracts for GEs who had not submitted grades, threatening not just the GEs' livelihoods but their ability to continue their education, as teaching appointments are tied to tuition reductions.

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co-founder of the Oregon Psilocybin Society said in a statement about the measure. Though this measure sounds great in theory, it is controversial. 47% of people approve of the ballot, 46% disapprove and 7% are undecided according to a Ballotpedia poll. This is likely due to the fact that psilocybin is still classified as a schedule 1 drug and therefore is not federally approved for medical use. However, don't lose hope! Many are currently looking to Denver, Colorado as an example of how measures like this can be passed. In May 2019 Denver became the first city in the nation to approve a referendum decriminalizing the use of psilocybin mushrooms. Their initiative (initiative 301) ended up passing with a 50.6% approval rate. Even if the measure is controversial, every vote counts. Psilocybin has also been making its way up the west coast. Oakland, California became the second city to decriminalize psilocybin, just one week after Denver. In the future there will likely be more initiatives such as state measure 34 making their way onto ballots, especially now that marijuana (which is also labeled a schedule 1 drug) is now legal in some capacity in 33 states. With the big presidential election coming up, voters can be distracted by what we consider "the important elections," but I want to take this opportunity to stress the importance of researching and voting for local politicians, as well as local measures and initiatives. Staying informed, even when it comes to the "small" votes, is essential to creating the world we want to live in.



My name is Jenna Walkingstick. I am 17 years old, I am a citizen of the Cherokee Nation, and I am from Tulsa, Oklahoma - the traditional lands of the Osage people. I am creating artwork to raise awareness about a crisis occurring across the United States - Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls. These pieces are dedicated to a missing

woman in my tribe - Aubrey Dameron. The police will not look for her, because she is transgender, and they consider her a runaway due to her "risky lifestyle". Aubrey's story really affected me because she is Cherokee too. That is my relative being ignored. All of the proceeds from my artwork is going to Aubrey's family, so that they can continue to search for her and make her face known. The painting I created for

this piece was given a blanket wrapped around her arms that is decorated with a southeastern design - one inspired by those of my tribe. It is an honor to have my work featured and to be able to help the family of my missing relative.

You can purchase a painting of your own by emailing me at

jennawalkingstick@gmail.com or DMing my instagram @jennawalkingstick.

You can keep up with Aubrey's case on the facebook page "Missing Aubrey Dameron from Grove, Oklahoma." Thanks, I



## Missing Murdered Indigenous Women continued

looking into most of the worst crimes, like rape and murder (tribal police themselves, are not given this authority).

In 2016, 5,711 women were entered as missing in the National Crime Information Center Database (NCIC). The FBI officially reported 116 missing native women from 2016, in the Department of Justice's federal missing persons' database. This is the database where most police networks can pull information from; this is such an incredibly small percentage of the known missing persons cases. Many of the tribes don't have access to the NCIC files, and those that do often have lack updated technology to continually access such records. Most of the money that is allocated for them is dispensed by the state, which can be very slow to do so.

This just slows cases down even more, makes it more difficult to collect evidence that would help cases go through faster, and generally makes it that much more difficult to find these girls and women. Emphasis on girls. From a very young age, native women are supremely vulnerable to attack, rape, and domestic violence. Homicide is the third leading cause of Native women, ages 10-24, and the fifth leading cause of death for Native women, ages 25-34, and ninety percent of domestic violence perpetrated onto native women is done by non native intimate partners. And because of the previously discussed lack of resources and evidence, and because the FBI needs to prosecute the more serious crimes of rape and murder, many of these crimes don't get prosecuted in the first place: only half of all murder crimes get prosecuted, and only a third of the reported rapes get prosecuted as well.

The sexual violence committed against native women has been well documented, from the arrival of the Europeans roughly half a millenia ago, up until today. And it's a silent epidemic; there are not many statistics, and there's a severe lack of commitment from the government and states to address this issue. Most of the activists are grassroots indigenous women and people who are standing up to this issue, and unless more people become aware and emboldened to act upon this issue, it will continue to be an issue. The red hand covering the mouth you see in these illustrations represents the silencing of these bloody issues. Many people can afford to not know about it; native women cannot. For many non native people, they have the luxury of calling it an appalling issue. For native women, it's quite literally a matter of life and death.

## RECLAIM UO Campaign Kickoff continued

mismanagement of our public funds and tuition dollars.

With a couple strategy sessions under our belt, attended by about one-third undergrads, one-third GE's and staff, and one-third community members and alumni, we've developed a mission and organizing structure built to bring people aboard. You interested in bringing creative arts and theatrics to direct actions?--Join our creative arts committee! You a tech whiz and interested in putting your skills toward a project that directly impacts yourself and your community?--Come hang

with our tech and communications committee! Interested in developing strategy for building campaign momentum on campus and in the community? Jump aboard our Campaign Action Team! Have some stellar negotiation skills or want to become more acquainted with processes at the legislature? Join our Legislative Action Team in the strategizing room and in Salem. Do you want to get involved somehow in radical organizing efforts on campus, but not sure where to start? Start here. We've got your back. You are valued.

We have a campaign kickoff meeting and social

THIS SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29TH from 4-6pm at the Falling sky on campus. We'll be going over our process, organizing structure, upcoming events/actions, and giving folks the opportunity to plug in to committees and make connections. We've got fiscal sponsors to purchase pizza, and are asking folks who can afford to buy themselves food to do so if the supply runs low, so we can provide a meal for people who need it.

If you can't make it and are interested in getting involved, please email us at:

reclaim.highered.uo@gmail.com

## Dancing for Justice: Sunrise Eugene Benefit Show

By Jess Gladis

Sunrise Eugene, the local chapter of the nationwide environmental movement, hosted a benefit show on Feb. 14 to raise membership and funds for their cause. Local bands Broth, Novacane, Los Gandos and Gentlebeing played the show which was attended by more than 100 people.

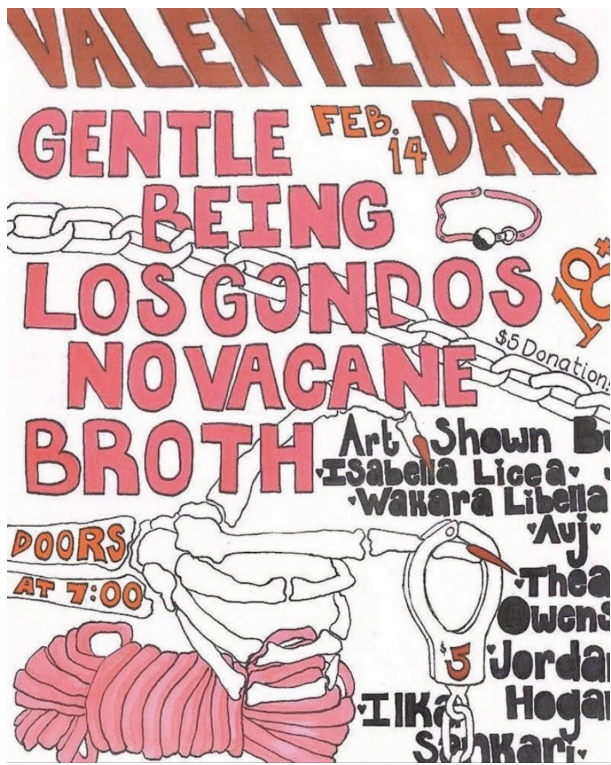
Los Gandos, the second act, tore the roof off the small venue on W 11th Ave on a stage surrounded by "Green New Deal" and "Good Jobs/Livable Future" banners. As a group of punks born and raised, the band's sound is strongly influenced by classics like the Dead Kennedys and contemporaries such as FIDLAR. This show matched that style perfectly with a balance of fun and revolutionary energy. The night was intensely political, which excited Los Gandos, who had never played a benefit show before. They certainly embraced the activism of the event including inciting a collective cry of "fuck carbon!" from the crowd.

Punk has always been environmentally conscious, from bands like Crass and Oi Polloi, and Los Gandos are no exception. The band's drummer, Grant Anderson said, "It sounds cliché, but caring about the environment is pretty punk," a message that surely their audience that night would agree with. This attitude made them perfect for a Sunrise Eugene benefit show.

Sunrise Eugene's movement is one "built by and for young people," according to Sunrise Eugene organizer Avery Temple. Their main goal right now is getting people behind the Green New Deal. Temple emceed the night's events and got on stage to address the crowd

multiple times throughout the show. In her eyes, the show "was nothing short of a major success." That was certainly the case, a large turnout with passionate energy supported Sunrise's environmental justice hypewoman - she rocked the crowd just as much as the bands did. By the end of the night, the Sunrise Eugene sign-up sheets were full several times over.

The show was equally about having fun and making a difference, empowering and entertaining in ways unique to Eugene's underground music scene. Thanks to Sunrise, every attendee was reminded of the collective organization we must accomplish in order to truly tackle environmental issues. Environmental comradery and solidarity permeated the air along with sweat, pheromones and clouds of smoke that reminded us all of the bigger picture on Valentine's Day.







## WINDY PEAK DROPPED FROM TIMBER SALE

By The Climate Justice League

The Climate Justice League has focused its forest defense campaign this year on getting Windy Peak, an ecologically diverse plot of forest that includes old growth and keystone species, from being included in the N126 timber sale. CJL strongly believes that establishing a land ethic with the areas we are working to save, should be the basis of all work we do. We led a trip to Windy Peak on January 26th utilizing the Outdoor Program’s trip initiator program to show twentyfour UO students an incredible old growth forest that is under threat. After that trip individuals wrote comments that were sent to the BLM. A week later the BLM dropped Windy Peak from the N126 sale. Here are some excerpts of the comments sent:

“As young advocates who care about our futures and the environment, we will not stand idly by as nearly 22,000 acres of precious forest is ripped apart.”

“The forest is teeming with biodiversity and hiking off-trail feels like I’m walking on the flesh of Mother Earth.”

“Once arriving at the trailhead, it was immediately clear that we were in an old-

growth stand, with large hemlocks and Douglas-firs surrounding us. Old snags with giant conk mushrooms were all around, and the undergrowth was a lush mix of salal, huckleberry, sword ferns and young trees.”

“The sale would negatively affect the communities nearby, when trees are absent there is an increase of runoff and soil erosion. The forests are not ours to sell, as the majority of North America has been stolen from Indigenous people. I want there to be forests remaining for future generations, and I hope you do as well.”

“The proposed clear cut of the area of forest known as “Windy Peak” is not only a gross moral injustice but as well as an environmental transgression of the highest caliber. As global temperatures continue to rise further and further beyond habitable levels, any actions that remove thousands of acres of carbon sequestering forest in the name of greed can only be construed as a crime against humanity, much less the earth itself.”

Visit these threatened places. Have your voice be heard. It matters and it works.



## Community Members Celebrate Win in Fight Against Jordan Cove

By Earwig

Community members and climate activists celebrated a win when the Federal Energy Regulatory Committee (FERC) voted 2-to-1 to delay their decision on the approval of the Jordan Cove Liquid Natural Gas (LNG) on February 20. Commissioner McNamee stated that FERC needed more time to review permit denials from the State of Oregon, including the State’s Coastal Zone permit denial, which was announced on the eve of the FERC decision. Commissioner Glick, on the other hand, said the project was not in the public interest.

“This project has been hanging over our heads and threatening our home with eminent domain for over 15 years,” said Sandy Lyon, an impacted landowner in Douglas County. “FERC should follow the lead of Oregon and deny Jordan Cove LNG for good. Our communities have made it clear and we deserve an end to this project.”

Since the project’s introduction in 2004, FERC has rejected it twice, and the State of Oregon has denied it a number of the key permits it needs to move forward.

The project’s construction would require Coos Bay to be dredged for an LNG terminal, and a trench to be dug across Oregon for a 230-mile fracked gas pipeline, threatening harm to Tribal resources, private landowners, drinking water and fishing grounds along the way. Although the project is opposed by a majority of Oregonians, according to a 2019 poll, the Trump administration has made the completion of this project one of its top priorities.

Nonetheless, over 40,000 people sent comments to FERC opposing Jordan Cove LNG, and hundreds showed up in opposition at public hearings in Coos, Douglas, Jackson and Klamath counties last summer.

“Tens of thousands of people across the region have spoken out against this Jordan Cove LNG for over a decade. The State of Oregon has listened to our concerns and so should FERC,” said Allie Rosenbluth, Campaigns Director for Rogue Climate. “It’s time to put an end to Jordan Cove LNG for good this time so our communities can focus on creating local jobs in clean energy instead.”

## Anti-Hate Action At Elkhorn



A group of activists, students and community members interrupted dinner at Elkhorn Brewery near campus on Feb. 8 to call out owner Steve Sheehan’s attempts to criminalize poverty through his involvement in the anti-homeless group Eugene Wake Up.

The activists displayed a banner which read “House Keys not Handcuffs” and delivered a speech by megaphone about Eugene Wake Up’s cruel rhetoric that our unhoused community members are lawless criminals. The group also handed out flyers containing some of the hateful comments on Eugene Wake Up’s Facebook page. Despite being informed that the protest was peaceful, Elkhorn staff aggressively pushed and grabbed the activists and some patrons threatened the activists and ripped up their signs.

Activists seek to call attention to the hateful and false solutions Eugene Wake Up is promoting to solve homelessness. Some comments on the Eugene Wake Up Facebook page include calls or the forcible removal and killing of unhoused people, comparing them to animals. It appears that Eugene Wake Up’s Facebook page serves primarily as a platform for hate speech.

As gentrification continues in Eugene, more community members are forced into the streets. Between 2018 and 2019, the homeless population in Lane County increased by 32%. More than 35 people

died while living on the streets in 2019 and approximately six have been lost this year.

Steve Sheehan has chosen to address the problem only because he believes it’s impacting his business. Sheehan formed Eugene Wake Up after a window was broken at his business last year. Since its creation, the group has deployed campus foot patrols and increased police surveillance of outdoor camps and is currently demanding an increase to the Lane County Jail’s funding and capacity.

Criminalizing poverty for the sake of businesses and NIMBYs will not solve the problem of homelessness. Alex Goldman, spokesperson for Stop Death on the Streets, said, “The social service agencies and the people living on the streets know the long-term solutions that we need: Housing First, Safe Injection sites, and accessible day use centers. These solutions are in reach if we begin to invest in them instead of pouring money into the cynical and ineffective methods of policing that groups like Eugene Wake Up suggest are the only solution. We are waiting for the city and citizens of Eugene to respond to this human-rights crisis for the emergency that it is. In the meantime, we will be keeping a keen eye on the behavior of the businesses in Eugene.”



# We Dropped Out of School to Spend the Winter in Iowa. Here's Why.

By Ruby L. A. J.



Tyee taught me to walk on the ice like a penguin, with my weight pushed to the front of my feet. This helped, but not much. I still slipped and fell at least a half dozen times, my bruises more colorful than the monotonous light gray of the ice, snow, and sky outside. Des Moines was dreary. Brick buildings, frozen sidewalks, skeletal black trees, the occasional Hy-Vee supermarket. Rarely did I see other humans walking those streets, though on occasion they would flicker past me, hopping through the snow and into frozen cars. No people, birds, bunnies, or plants. The world around me was dead.

Or so it seemed. Behind closed doors, life raged on. It raged in the form of a grassroots army fueled by a common desire for political revolution. Bernie implored us, “Are you willing to fight for someone else as much as you are willing to fight for yourself?” Yes. We were. We were so willing in fact that we put everything on the table. We sacrificed terms at school, Avery, Tyee, Simon, Aeron and I, but others sacrificed careers, leases, relationships. We came from Oregon, others came from New York, California, everywhere in between and even places as far away as Denmark and England. All to join this cohort of activists and organizers to fight against capitalist exploitation of the working class and our environment, and toward a liveable future.

Electoral politics can eat our collective ass like groceries, but if ever there was a time to participate, now is that time. What we are experiencing is class warfare. The system is designed to intentionally alienate people like us - five young, queer far-leftists - from participating. It is designed to be so complicated that people are disheartened before they even begin. It is designed to suppress the voices of people of color, those with felony charges, and the unhoused. American electoral politics is a machine that perpetuates the dynamics that maintain power for the wealthy, white few. Our winning of the Iowa caucuses was the first step in breaking that machine.

We truly had no idea what we were getting ourselves into. Voting in the Oregon Democratic primary requires filling out and returning a mail-in ballot. The maelstrom that is the Iowa caucuses is a completely different story. As mentioned before, people from across the country and across the sea come to this event in the Midwest every four years. It is where the first votes are cast for the presidential nominee, and so has a decisive impact on the winner.

Presidential candidates, their lackeys, and the media pander to the people of Iowa for many months prior to the February caucuses. From what I gathered while interacting with the Iowans, they love it. It puts what is otherwise a fly-over state on the map. But the fact that our system is designed so a ninety-percent majority white state has this decisive power in our leadership is fucked up and problematic to say the least. Not to mention the astronomical amount of money that is funnelled into this process.

The caucuses are basically competitive neighborhood meetings that take place in churches, schools, and community centers across the state’s 1,681 precincts. Representatives from each campaign attend to try to attract last-minute,

uncommitted voters. Candidates must have fifteen-percent of the total population of the room to be viable and go on to the next round after a process known as realignment. After this, hell breaks open as more caucus math occurs. Each of us Five Oregonians were stationed in a different caucus location to attract those final stragglers and keep a watchful eye out for the corruption we were prepared for. Surprise: the Oligarchy does not want us to win. Sinister plots abounded to keep us down, and yet, we prevailed.

We won Iowa by a sizable margin in the popular vote. Then we won New Hampshire, and swept Nevada. Bernie will win the nomination and defeat Donald Trump because he is calling on people like us to join the political revolution. We will win because anarchists, communists, socialists, and even some libs have joined together to knock on the doors of Trump supporters and establishment Dems. When we remove the media-fed shit storm, be vulnerable, and talk about our ideas, many of us agree that we want the same things - love, comfort, and security. A Bernie presidency is our best chance of getting there, of shifting toward our ideal future. No, he

will not save us alone. No, we cannot idolize this mortal. But what we can and must do is support a movement that is tearing the DNC apart, rejecting capitalism, moving big ideas forward and igniting revolutionary action in this country. Bernie is a catalyst. But we hold the true power.

The Five Oregonians spent the winter in Iowa because we cannot simply sit back and watch as our planet dies and as we, our friends, and our families are oppressed for profit. Electoral politics are shitty, complicated, and disheartening by design, but we must feel our suffering and use that anger to motivate us into action. To participate in this system and change it from the inside out, whether that means dropping everything for Bernie or knocking doors for our local progressive congressional candidate Doyle Canning. We will show up and fight back, fueled by the fact that those currently in power do not want us to and do not expect it. We will Bern it down.

*Disclaimer: This is the author’s own opinion and is not reflective of the individuals or campaigns mentioned.*



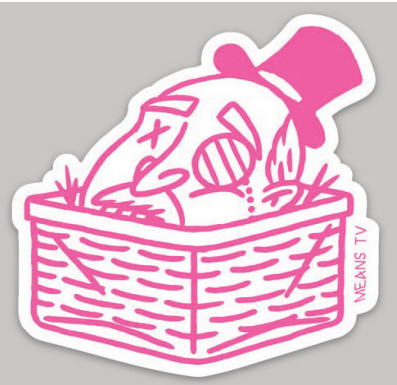
## Anti-capitalist streaming service provides entertainment for the 99%

BY Inkstick

Means TV, a worker-owned entertainment company, launched its streaming service Feb. 26. The cooperative aims to offer an alternative to the capitalist dominated entertainment structures and foster a culture in which fundamental change is possible.

On first glance, the Means TV website doesn’t look any different than other streaming services. Video thumbnails are organized beneath headings like “Live,” “Featured” and “Original.” There are shorts, comedy shows and cartoons. Once you start reading the titles, you realize Means TV is cut from a different cloth. Amazon wouldn’t have an original video called “Everyone Hates Landlords,” for example. Nor would Hulu, which is owned by Disney, produce an animated video about workers storming a boss’ office and ousting them after the boss crumples up a union contract.

Other content on the website includes documentaries such as “Radicalized,” a documentary about an anarchist collective that formed in Los Angeles after the Occupy Wall Street movement in 2011; Spanish-language educational and informational content; sports commentary; weekly news; and video game streaming. The cooperative boasts work from prominent left-tubers and podcasters such as the hosts of Street Fight Radio and the Trillbillies.



Subscribers can stream Means TV on any platform that supports other streaming services, e.g. smartphone, computer, Roku or Fire TV. The service is available in the United States and Europe, and many of its videos are also available on its YouTube channel.

Means TV’s anti-capitalism is more than an act. As a cooperative, the workers own the business and take part in its financial success based upon their labor contribution. The Board of Directors is also made up of and elected by employees, according to Means TV’s website. 70% of all year-end profits are to be split among full-time employees. Those full-time employees are also those who may vote in cooperative elections and may sit on the Board. The remaining 30% of year-end profits will be split among contractors and royalty recipients.

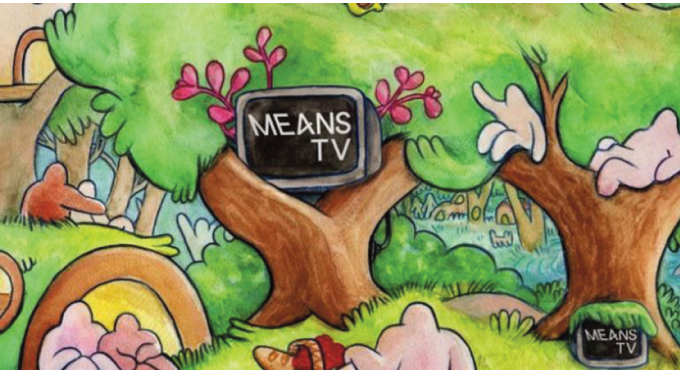
Means TV’s structure contrasts with Netflix, Amazon and other streaming services which are publicly traded, meaning those with excess capital to invest into those companies split profits without having to perform labor or produce content for the service.

The streaming service, which was co-founded by Naomi Burton and Nick Hayes, is also organized in accordance with International Cooperative Alliance cooperative principles, according to Means TV’s site. Those principles include open and voluntary membership, autonomy and independence and concern for community.

Autonomy and independence are the means and end at Means TV. The collective was given an early boost by Sara June, creator of the original Nyan Cat video. June gifted the collective with her YouTube URL and, in March 2019 Means TV released its first video to the channel’s 125,000 subscribers.

Means TV’s DIY energy has sustained it since those early days. The cooperative has released over 100 videos, shorts and trailers and earned 40,000 more followers. It has attracted attention from Fox News, which claimed “some of [those involved] are even Communists!” To which Means TV wryly replied in a video “(it’s true).” It’s also been written about in Teen Vougé and boosted on twitter by Representative Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez.

“We can’t ask working people to go revolt tomorrow,” co-creator Nick Hayes said to The Intercept. Means TV seeks to change that before long.





# East-campus Housing Mold

By Trey Kodman



University of Oregon-owned homes in the east campus neighborhood area are still molding years beyond their sell-by date. No, houses don’t have sell-by dates. Instead, they are condemned and fenced up, thus yielding less than rent. Meanwhile, multiple construction projects on campus have built new facilities, amenities and luxuries all over campus during the past several months.

A lawsuit filed in July 2019 by Paul and Emily Meng for \$750,000 remains unresolved over their time renting 1709 Moss St, according to the Daily Emerald. Their complaint filed stated the entire Meng family had medically documented symptoms of being exposed to mold consistent with mold tests from the attic. This scenario forced them to move out, losing almost everything they owned. Michael Tobin at the Emerald tweeted January 29 that, “The Meng’s lawyer is trying to push for a mid-June trial date.”

Current student-tenants in university-owned homes along Villiard St., Moss St. and Columbia St. reported, during a recent canvas of the east campus neighborhood by myself, that they have regular dealings with UO Housing management to mitigate mold outbreaks. One tenant who wished to remain unnamed said their basement, which is treated monthly for mold, is padlocked by management. The tenant said they are not allowed to see the inside of the basement, which they said seemed suspicious as a new renter. Their hesitancy of going on the record, they explained, was fear for breaking something in the lease agreement they might not be aware of listed.

Another current tenant, Kira Burkett, an undergraduate environmental studies student also living in the east-campus neighborhood with two children said, “When we first moved in here we had to sign a lead agreement acknowledging that there’s lead paint in our house and that we can’t sue on any basis that if there was any illness. We had to sign that because my only way of being at the university was to get into university housing. Otherwise, I wouldn’t be able to go to school.”

When talking about the mold in her home, Burkett said, “We found an anti-mold spray that we clean with. We have to scrub things down ourselves. We’ve had the instance where our neighbor’s pipes burst upstairs, and we have the leakage through my daughter’s ceiling in her room. The management came out and replaced the panel and said that because the weather was good that it should dry fine, and we shouldn’t have any issues. But we do know that the house behind us, from what we’ve been told, was condemned because of black mold. And so that’s made us think about possible conditions here.”

“My girls do have allergies,” Burkett continued. “It’s not super bad, but I can’t say whether it’s connected to this or moving to Eugene.” She explained they had yet to go to a doctor’s office to get tested for the source of their possible allergies.

These accounts from the east campus neighborhood illustrate that mold is still attacking students and their families in their homes from all directions. What should be asked next is why the university insists on owning homes they refuse to renovate for livable conditions? If costs are the issue, why not sell the property to worthy homeowners who will maintain these structures and property values? And if the university plans to build other types of residential facilities someday, then why not get it over with instead of pandering to educational and sports interests for construction?

# March Activist Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ROAR 5-6pm CAN 6-7pm	3 CJL 6-7pm Insurgent 7-8pm	4 MEChA 6pm Philosophy 6-7pm BSU 6-7pm UO YDSA 7-8pm LGBTQA3 7-8pm	5 NASU 5:30pm  PIELC See article for details!	6 MSA 5pm  PIELC ICPNW 8pm icpnw.org	7 PIELC
8 Climate Revolutions By Bike Birthday 3-4pm Monroe Park  Eugene DSA 6-8pm GTFF	9 ROAR CAN	10 CJL Insurgent	11MEChA Philosophy BSU UO YDSA LGBTQA3	12 NASU	13 MSA	14 Flat Country Timber Sale Trip 9:30am Cascadia Wildlands office - All day field trip
15 NAC Public Gathering 5-7pm Grower's Market - Local anarchists	16 FINALS	17 FINALS	18 FINALS	19 FINALS Sunrise Open Meeting 7pm 101 W. 10th Ave	20 FINALS	21
22	23 SPRING BREAK	24 SPRING BREAK	25 SPRING BREAK	26 SPRING BREAK	27 SPRING BREAK	28
29 Eugene DSA 6-8pm GTFF Office - Big tent socialism	30 First Day Spring Term	31 NAC Solidarity Share Fair 3-6:30pm - Mutual aid				

ROAR General Meetings 5-6pm Mondays ROAR Center, EMU	CAN / Cascadia Action Network 6-7pm Mondays EMU Diamond Lake Room	CJL / Climate Justice League 6-7pm Tuesdays EMU Diamond Lake Room	MEChA 6pm Wednesdays Many Nations Longhouse	Philosophy Club 6-7pm Wednesdays EMU 230	UO YDSA / Young Democratic Socialists 7-8pm Wed. Straub 251
LGBTQA3 7-8pm Wednesdays EMU Diamond Lake	NASU / Native American Student Association 5:30pm Thur Many Nations Longhouse	Muslim Student Association 5pm Fridays Multicultural Center EMU	Insurgent 7-8pm Tuesdays ROAR EMU	BSU / Black Student Union 6-7pm Wednesdays EMU Mill's International Center	

## UO Student Under Quarantine continued

there I tried to make contact with anyone I could back in the states.

To connect to the hotel Wi-Fi one needed to have a Chinese phone number. From there a message would be sent to with a code which allowed free to use the internet. I was able to get a code from the front desk but even so I wasn’t able to get any messages through. The only apps that I could download were Baidu and WeChat. WeChat is one of the most widely used apps in China, with most people linking their bank accounts to it and scanning the screen to pay for just about everything. To be able to use WeChat we needed two people who had accounts for over 6 months to scan our phone and verify our identities. Baidu works like Google, but is much less discreet in listening to conversations. Moments after you talk about something ads for it start popping up regardless of whether they were mentioned in English or Chinese.

I eventually got to my wits end trying to message anyone in America. Defeated, I came to terms with it. We would just go dark and be lost to the world for a little while. Or at least until we started work and could ask other foreign teachers how they were staying in touch with their home countries. The lack of access to the outside world eventually came to have unforeseen consequences.

My husband and I took a train from Shenzhen to Beijing. During the trip we traveled through Wuhan. In Beijing we didn’t wear masks and traveled to the forbidden city and Tiananmen square, both typically very busy tourist destinations.

Shortly after this trip, with quite a bit of research I found a VPN which I hoped could help us contact the world outside China. It wasn’t a good one by any means; through it I could do little more than search Google and YouTube. But what I discovered was concerning. I looked into recent events, assuming that I could not have missed much in the time we had been away. This was the first point I heard about the coronavirus.



The company we worked for told us we should get masks and “not go out as much”, but that was all. Once we had access to news, we found that two days after we had visited both the forbidden city and Tiananmen square had been closed to the public. We learned that public transport no longer came to or from Wuhan for fear of spreading the virus. This city where passengers had boarded our train and been in close quarters with us.

In a last-ditch effort, I tried to send out emails through an old school email. I hadn’t used it in a little over a year and struggled with the password, but it worked. The site wasn’t blocked and I was able to get messages out to my family and friends; letting them know we were no longer in Shenzhen, that we were safe and for the first time in almost a month were able to get news of what was really going on around us.

All but one entrance to our apartment building has been closed. To leave or come back into the building we need to have our temperature taken, as well as to enter any store or public transport. We are seeing

fewer and fewer cars and people out with each consecutive day, but for the first time we know why.

Ari is a psychology major at UO, taking a gap year to teach abroad. She is currently living in Beijing under quarantine.

